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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : Since the introduction of the incentive scheme for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles in 2000, the second round of 5-year revalidation of LPG fuel tanks started to increase from 2010 and is expected to reach the peak level in 2011. Therefore, the number of the approval and revalidation of LPG fuel tanks will increase by 30% from 6 601 in 2010 to 8 700 in 2011. In view of the recent incidents of stalling of LPG taxis, will the Administration tighten up the approval and revalidation procedures? If so, what are the details and the additional resources and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

The approval and revalidation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) fuel tanks are processed under Regulations 7(1) and 8(2) of the Gas Safety (Gas Supply) Regulations (Cap. 51B) to ensure safety standard of the LPG fuel tanks. The approval and revalidation procedures have been effective and strictly adhered. We maintain close monitoring of the international development and latest professional knowledge in this regard. At present, the procedures remain appropriate.

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